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~~Security Information~~

7 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: National Security Medal

1. On 3 April 1953, Messrs. [] members of the Honor Awards Board, CIA, called upon Lt. Col. William Wise of G-1, General Staff, U. S. Army, to discuss matters relevant to the National Security Medal. Col. Wise is acting as the Army's representative in dealing with the DCI's letter of 14 March 1953, to the Secretary of Defense, which requested the Army's assistance in designing the National Security Medal, and also requested a statement of its precedence in comparison with military decorations.

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2. Col. Wise furnished a copy of G-1's instruction to the Office of the Quartermaster General directing it to assist CIA in designing the National Security Medal. He also furnished us a copy of a proposed Department of Defense directive enunciating policy in respect to non-military U. S. decorations based particularly on Executive Order 10 431, which established the National Security Medal. It will be noted that the proposed directive ranks non-military decorations immediately after military decorations, but before all service medals. However, a recipient who desires to emphasize the National Security Medal could wear it in the most prominent position on the uniform provided one service medal is worn after it.

3. During our discussion with Col. Wise, it was brought out that the Department of Defense has prepared a complete study in respect to the criteria and levels of accomplishment required for award of military decorations. This material is believed to be of great interest to this Agency, particularly during the initial stages of establishing an awards system. A copy will be made available to the Honor Awards Board, CIA, within the next week or ten days.

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Chief, Liaison Control Branch

Attachments: 1. Instruction of G-1 to Quartermaster General.
2. Proposed Department of Defense directive.

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